

Remarks

The title of the invention has been revised from the title as indicated on the published International Application No. PCT/EP2004/007225 to the title as presented in the previously filed English-language version of the International Application. No new matter has been added by way of the amendment to the title.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-8 are pending in the application, with claim 1 being the sole independent claim. Claims 1-8 are sought to be amended. Claim 9 is sought to be added. As filed, each of claims 1-8 was an independent "use" claim. All of these claims have been amended to acceptable method claims. Further, all of the subject matter of original independent claims 1-8 has been incorporated into a single amended independent claim, claim 1. Claims 2-8 have simply been amended from independent claims to depend from amended claim 1. Like wise, new dependent claim 9 simply contains the same subject matter as original independent claim 1, but now depends from amended claim 1. Because the subject matter of the amended claims has not changed, these amendments are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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